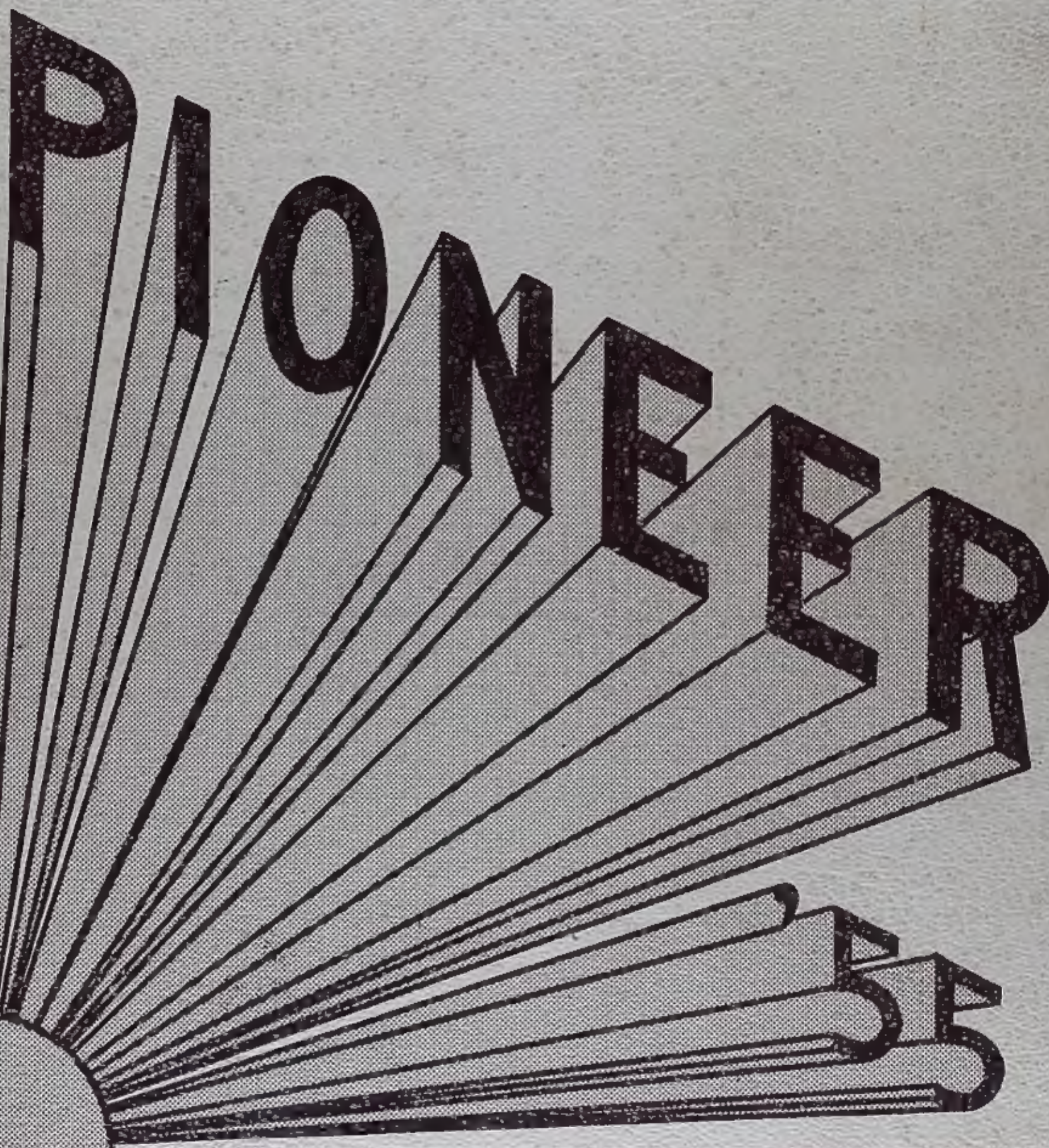


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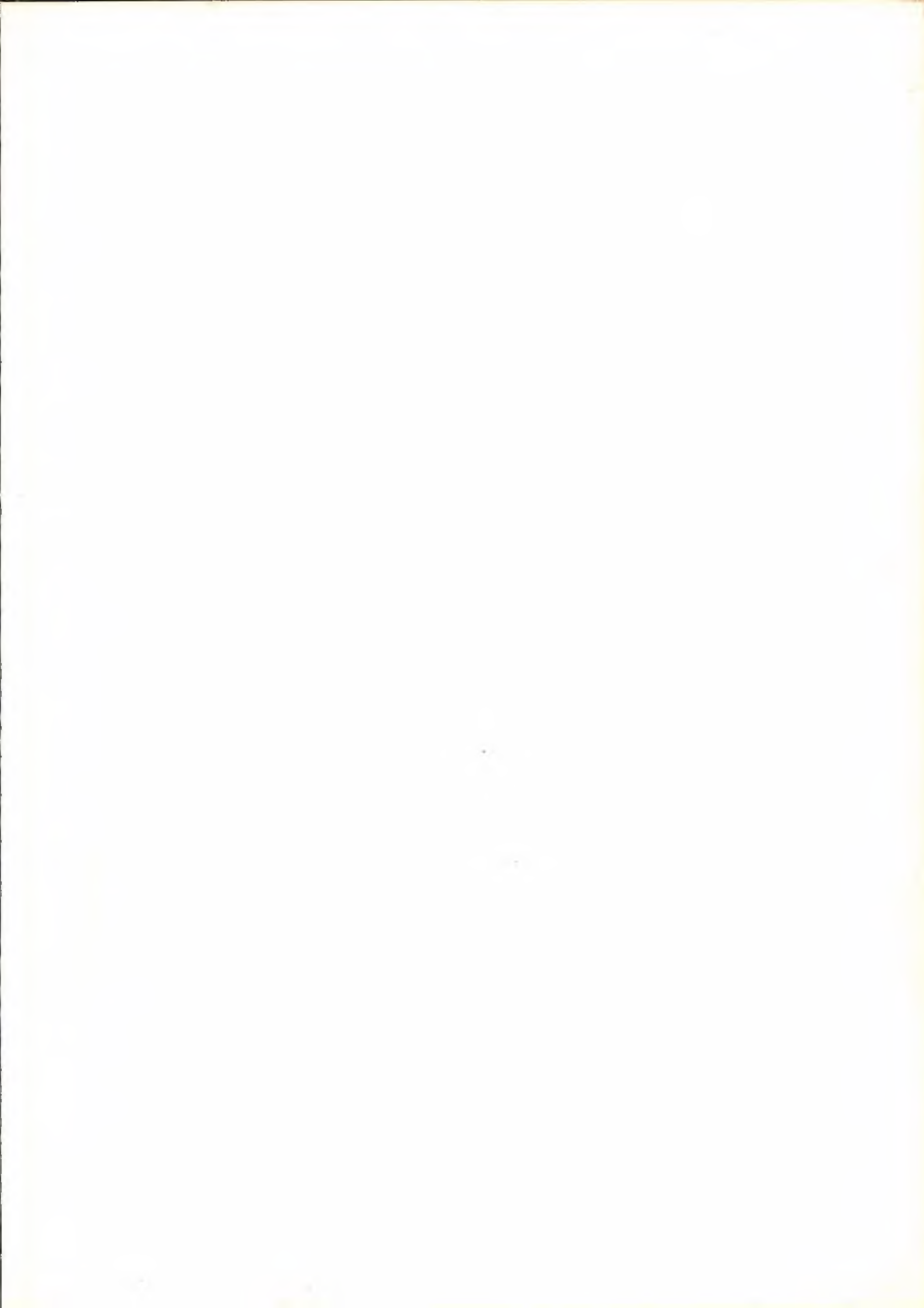
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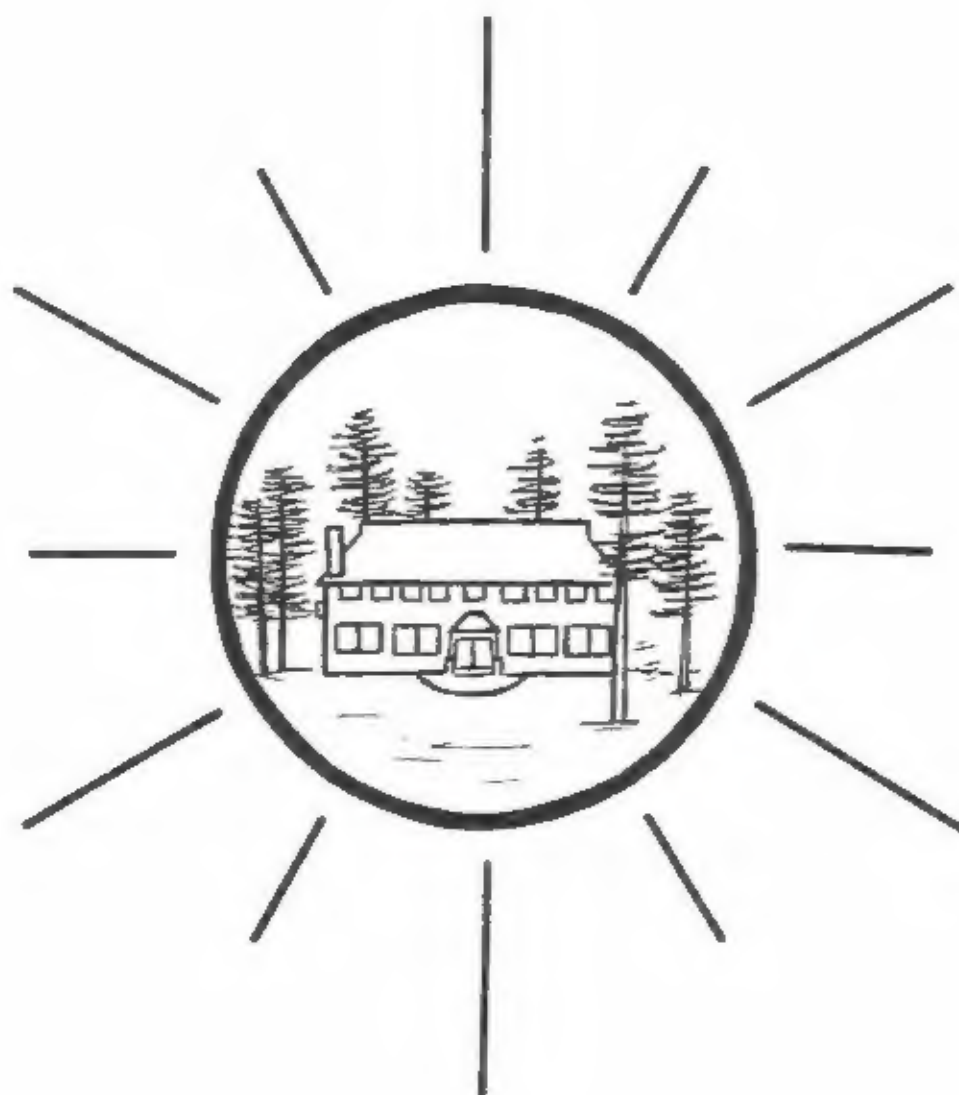






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# WESTERN PIONEER



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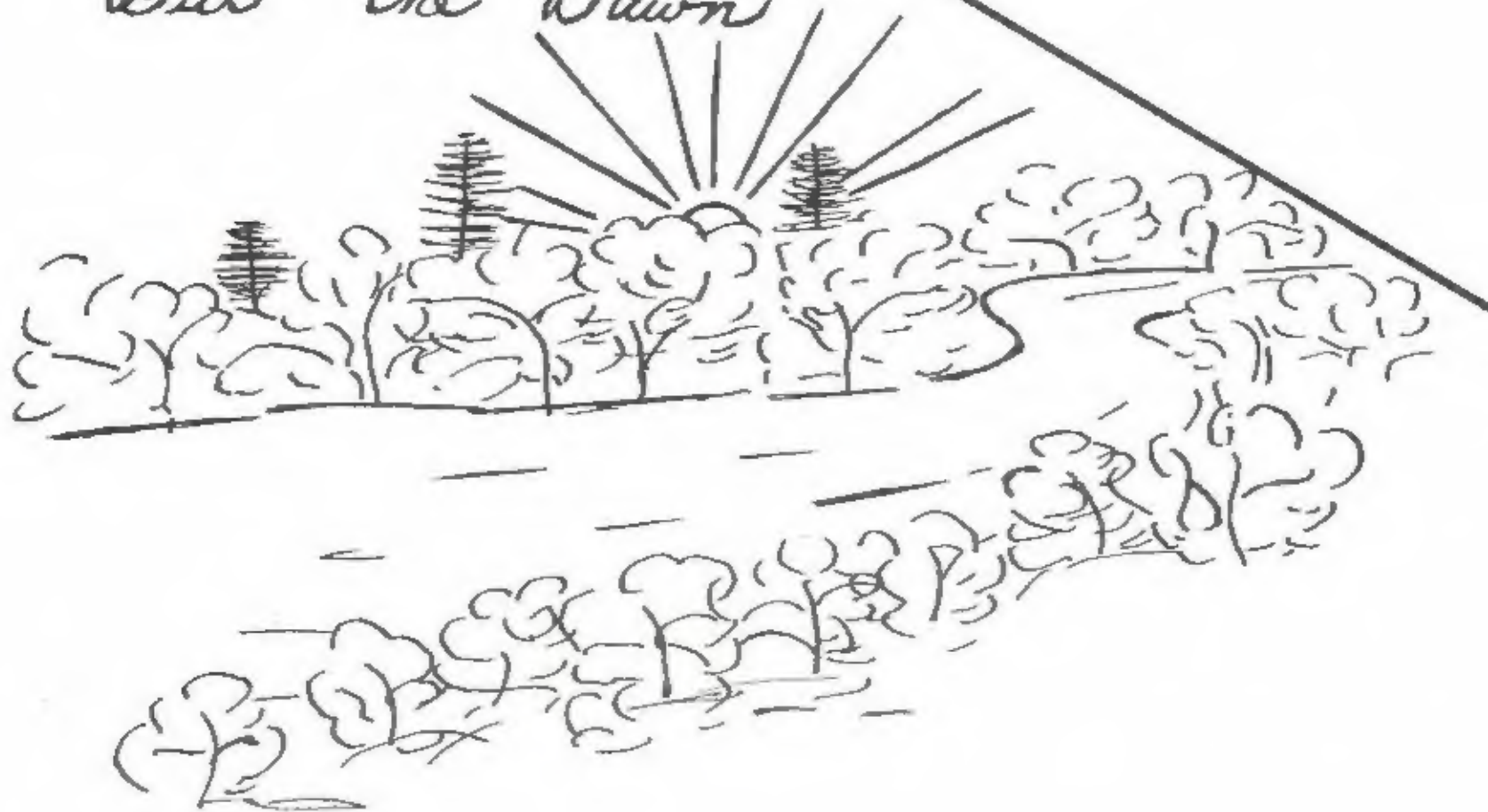
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# CLASS THEME



*"Not the Sunset—*

*But the Dawn"*







# DEDICATION



As a token of appreciation for the many services she has rendered to the program of Western Mennonite School during the past two years, we gratefully dedicate the Pioneer of 1955 to our Matron, Mildred Eichelberger. May God's richest blessing be with her as she enters her new field of service.



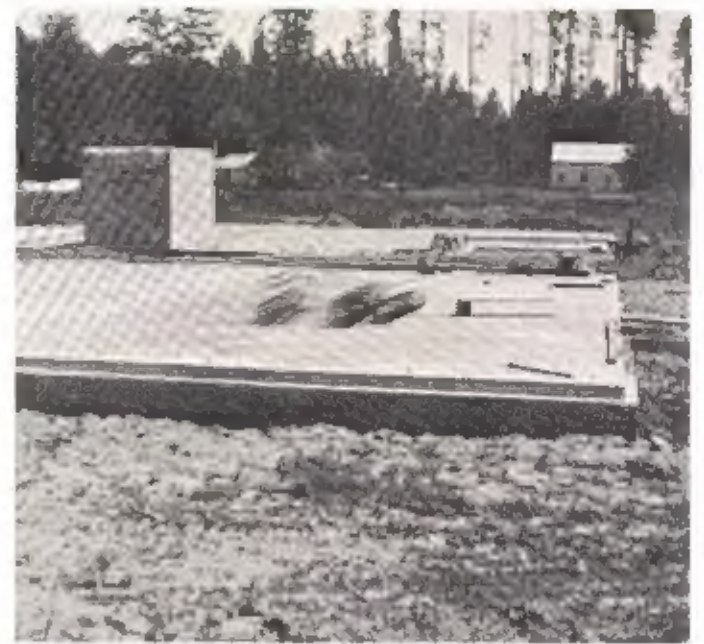
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New



Administration



Building



Constructing Showers



New



Shop



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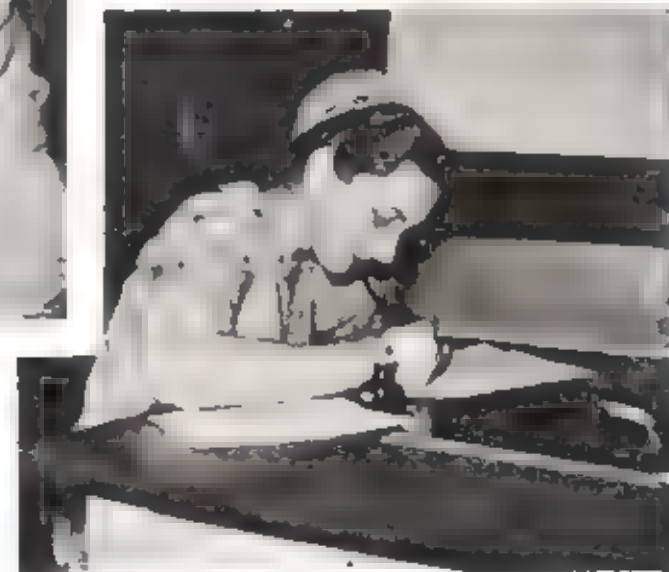
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# FOREWORD



Diplomas do not mark the end  
Of learning in our lives on earth,  
For we'll be learning up till death.

This is the dawning of our lives,  
We're now prepared to start

Some higher learning for more service to our Lord.  
Some may teach, some preach, some work with hands,  
Little does it matter what it is.

Our goal is service to our Lord,  
Using this day of life for Him.

Tis only the beginning of our walk on earth in life.

The sunset is far, far ahead  
And even then the knife of death will not be sharp  
For death is only one more dawn,  
A dawn to real eternal life,

Where we can spend a perfect day with God.



# ADMINISTRATION







# FACULTY

Clayton Swartzentruber  
Salem, Oregon

Principal  
School Chorus  
Touring Chorus  
Methods of Bible Study  
Lectures on Speech



First Row: Timothy Strubhar, Paul Yoder, Clayton Swartzentruber, Marcus Lind,  
Lloyd Nisly  
Second Row: Margaret Swartzentruber, Robert Jantzi, Bernard Showalter,  
Mildred Eichelberger

# FACULTY



Mildred Eichelberger  
Broken Bow, Nebraska

Matron  
Art



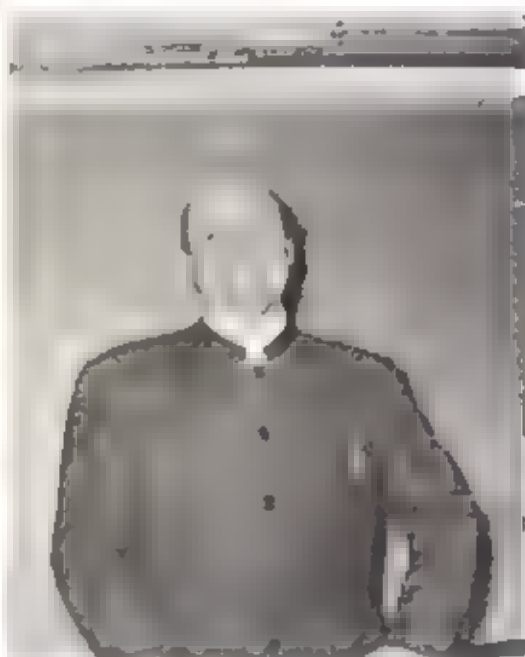
Robert Jantzi  
Shedd, Oregon

Hall Manager



Marcus Lind  
Salem, Oregon

Victorious Living  
Typing I  
Bible Doctrines  
New Testament  
Old Testament





# FACULTY

Lloyd Nisly  
Sheridan, Oregon

Business Manager  
Bookkeeping



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English I  
English II



Miriam Showalter  
Salem, Oregon

Spanish I  
Spanish II

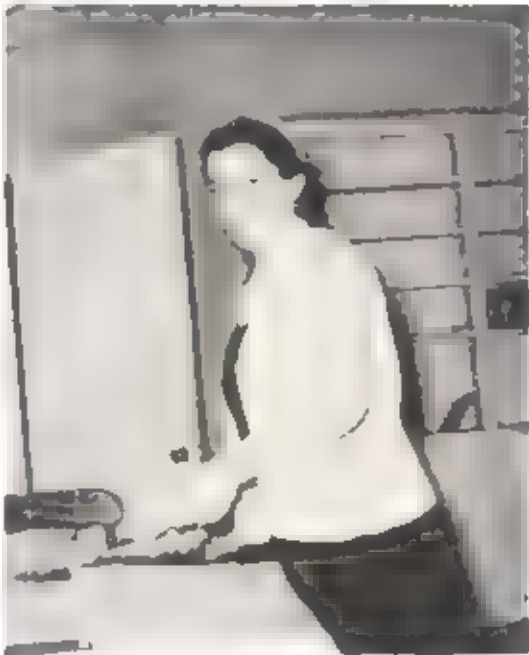


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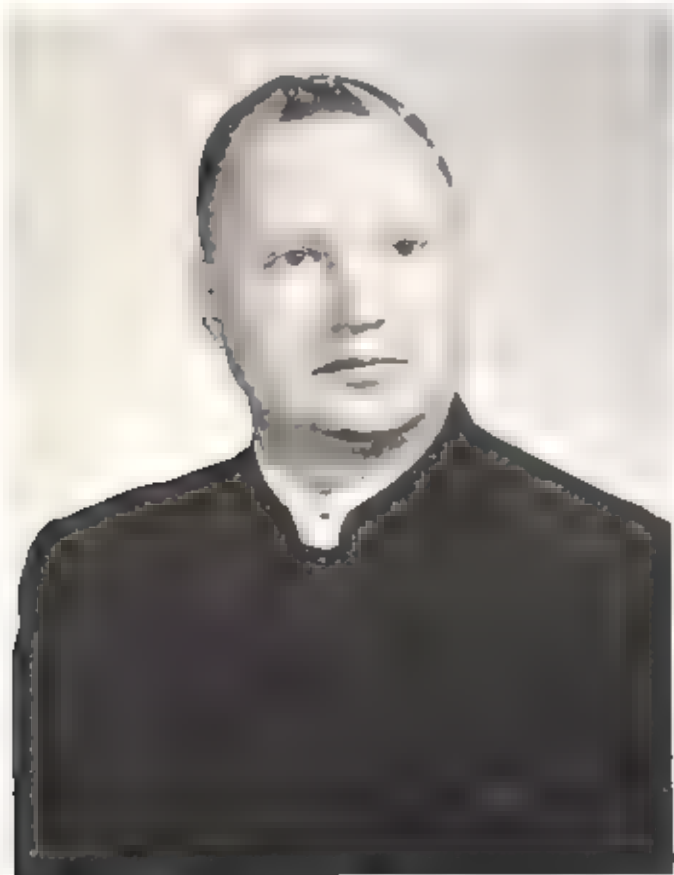
**Timothy J. Strubhar**  
Salem, Oregon

Shop I  
Shop II  
Shop III  
General Math  
Math II and IV  
Physics



**Margaret Swartzentruber**  
Salem, Oregon

Home Economics I  
Home Economics II  
Home Economics III



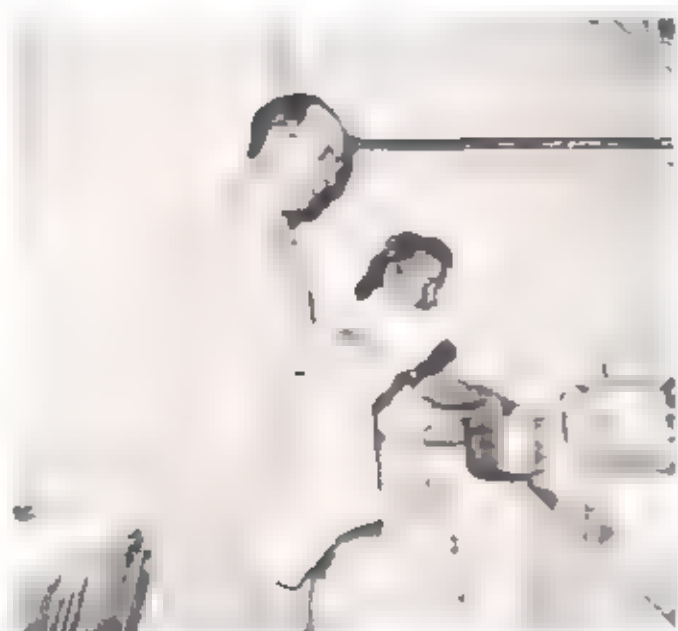
**Paul E. Yoder**  
Albany, Oregon

Chemistry  
English II  
General Science  
Missions and Evangelism

# ELMER AND THE COOKS



Maintenance man: Elmer McTimmonds, Assistant Cook: Helen Friesen, Head Cook: Clysta McTimmonds.



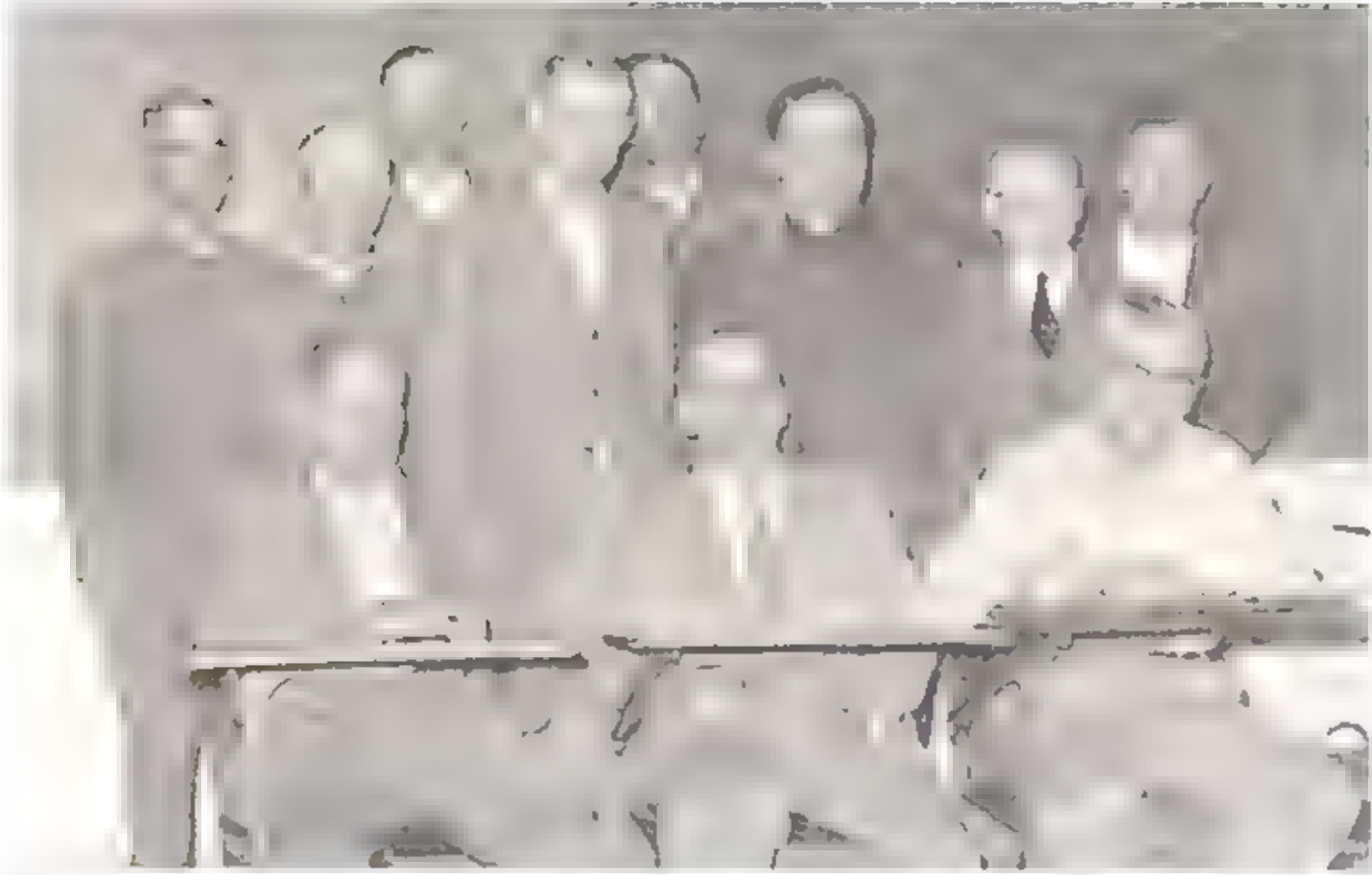
Elmer McTimmonds has served here as maintenance man this past year. His promptness in taking care of repairs and upkeep of the school in general is much appreciated.

Clysta McTimmonds as head cook and Helen Friesen as assistant cook have done much to keep us all healthy and happy during this school year. We appreciate their cheerfulness on the job.





# SCHOOL BOARD



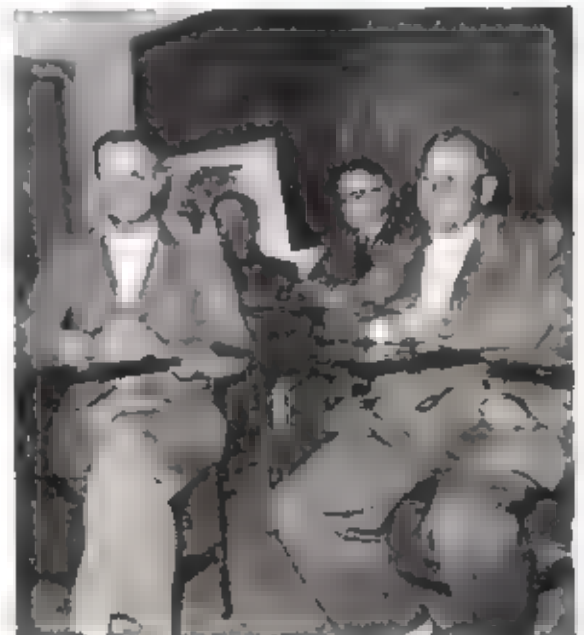
Standing: Menno Snyder; Lloyd Lind; Aaron Nofziger, Vice President; Marvin Schrock; Max Yoder, President; Edward Kenegy; Albert Hershberger; Ralph Shank; Seated: Melvin Wolfer, Treasurer; Wayne Hooley; Milton Martin, Secretary.

Possibly a bit of history might serve as an introduction to this message concerning the organization and workings of the School Board.

At conference in 1944 a committee of three brethren were appointed by the Conference Moderator, namely Marcus Lind, M.R. Martin, and G.D. Shenk, to study the school problems of the district and the need and possibility of starting a church, Bible, and High School. The following year after the report of the Committee, a school board was appointed, consisting of Fred Gingerich as Chairman and he with the late C.G. Yoder were the Finance Committee of the Board, Marcus Lind and M.R. Martin the property Committee and Ernest Garber, Ray Mishler and Ernest Bontrager the Administration Committee. These seven brethren were given the following Conference Assignment. To establish and operate an accredited High School in the district and shall be responsible to Conference. They shall begin their work at once, and continue until desired ends are reached. From this point on preparations were made to have school the same fall which was 1945. The first year a school house was rented at Bellview near Sheridan which served the purpose quite well. The following year work had gotten under way sufficiently to make it possible to have school on the present campus. From there on work kept progressing as help and finances were available until at present the floor and foundation of the new permanent Administration Building is started. The responsibilities of the Board are many and varied with the everpresent handicap of the lack of funds to move fast enough in the building program to keep up with the increasing school and Student Body needs for class rooms, dormitories and other facilities.

We are grateful however for the blessings of our Heavenly Father in supplying our needs and for the Christian Spirit that has been prevalent, for the main part, throughout the Board, Faculty and Student Body. Yours for Christian Education.

Western Mennonite School Board,  
M.R. Martin, Sec.



# CALENDAR







# CALENDAR

1954

September

1954

Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat.

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

School day  
starting at 7:30  
at 11:00 AM  
State Park

School began  
Registration

First general  
assembly

First dinner  
and supper

Faculty in  
study game

Organized  
J. Terabishi

Class  
Sections

First night

1954

October

1954

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

First dinner  
and supper

First  
dinner  
and supper

Started Project  
annual contest

School bus  
started  
Eyes outing

Backpack  
Institute

First dinner  
and supper

Parent  
Teacher  
Conference

First dinner  
and supper

First dinner  
and supper

Backpack  
same with  
first home

First dinner  
and supper

First dinner  
and supper

First dinner  
and supper

1954

November

1954

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Conference

First  
Term

Second  
Term

First  
Term

First  
Term

First  
Term

Conference

End of Budget  
Annual Contest

First  
Term

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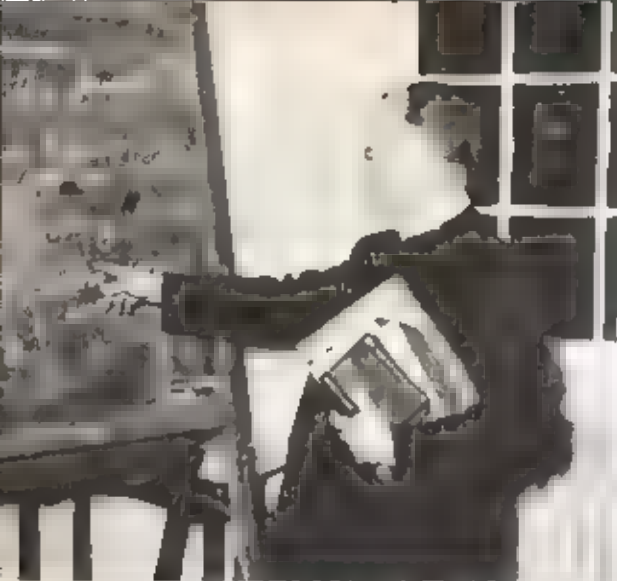
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# CALENDAR

1954

December

1954

Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat.

			Reverals Continued			
				Arrival of Hogor Lynn Luncheon	Kickoff for State on Ligon drive	
12	13	14	Richard J. Anderson Arrived Foster Thomas 2 Ligon 11		Seneca Activity Program	
19	20	Christmas Program	for and to celebrate in Salerno.	Christmas dinner	Christmas vacation beginning	25
26	27	28	29		31	

1955

January

1955

	4 out day of school	Home at Ligon			Ingress I activity Program	
		17	7:00 AM meeting started		Foster on test	
16	January Ligon Ligon	Ligon Ligon Ligon			SC Ligon and M. L. Ligon and Ligon Rally	Boatmen Bay
					SC Ligon Ligon	

1955

February

1955

					Society activity Program	
		Annual picture taken			Boys down present activity Program	
18	Valentine Party		10		Hogor Lynn Thomas Ligon	
20		Chapel talk by Clarence Hamer		Hogor Lynn Ligon	Boys down Ligon Ligon	Chapel Ligon
21	25					

# CALENDAR

1955

March

1955

Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thut. Fri. Sat.

First Meeting Myerson Jungblut	Reverat Week, Dugaburger an Evangelical and Rannet 1st Evolutional Trades					
Second meeting 1st day	1st	First Calenson night			Fourth Term night	
		Sophomore Social			English II activity program	
		1st History classroom meeting		Group learn leaves for Canada		

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April

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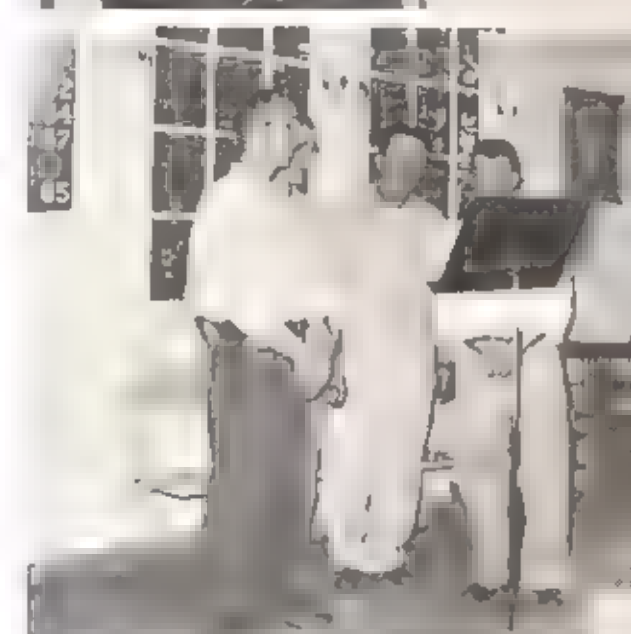
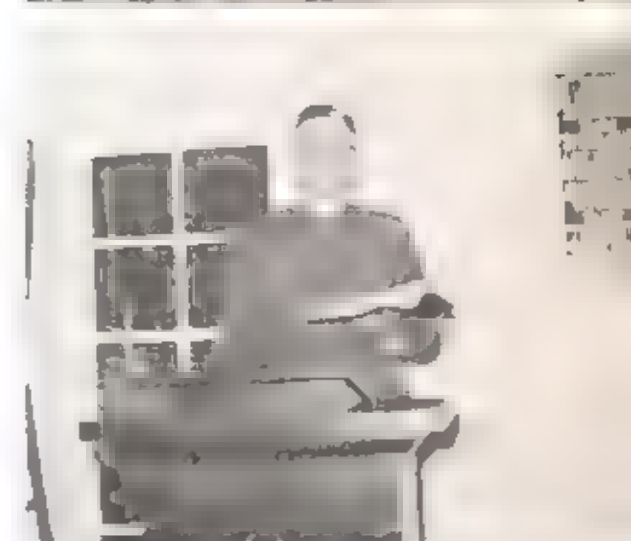
	Work days		Easter Vacation			
	Group learn leaves for Canada	Group Social		Group leaves to British	Group Music Festival	
Grouping leaves for 1st						
Grouping leaves for 2nd				Student Administration May	Mr. Elmer speaks	

1955

May

1955

	Open house in dorms		Grouping leaves goes to Elmer	Outings		
Holy City Practice		First 1st Faculty Social	1st and 2nd Werner road	Track 1st day	Program by Peach and 2nd Valley Social	
Holy City Practice	Students of 1st year by 1st year		Commenced Library Project		3rd session of Band and Social 1st day	Alumni Day
Holy City	Class Day					
Baccalaureate movement						





# ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS



Poster Contest Winners.



Eunice receives first prize.



Christmas skit done by the Senior Class. Left side portrays the worldly family's Christmas. Right side shows the Christian family.



Canterbury Tales.....



"I got a robe....."

# CLASSES







# STUDENT ADMINISTRATION DAY



"Send Clayton in immediately!"



"Now class, I want you to..."



This is to give you  
a glimpse of Student  
Administration Day.  
You see here student  
teachers appointed  
by the faculty for  
the occasion.



"When will my time be up?"

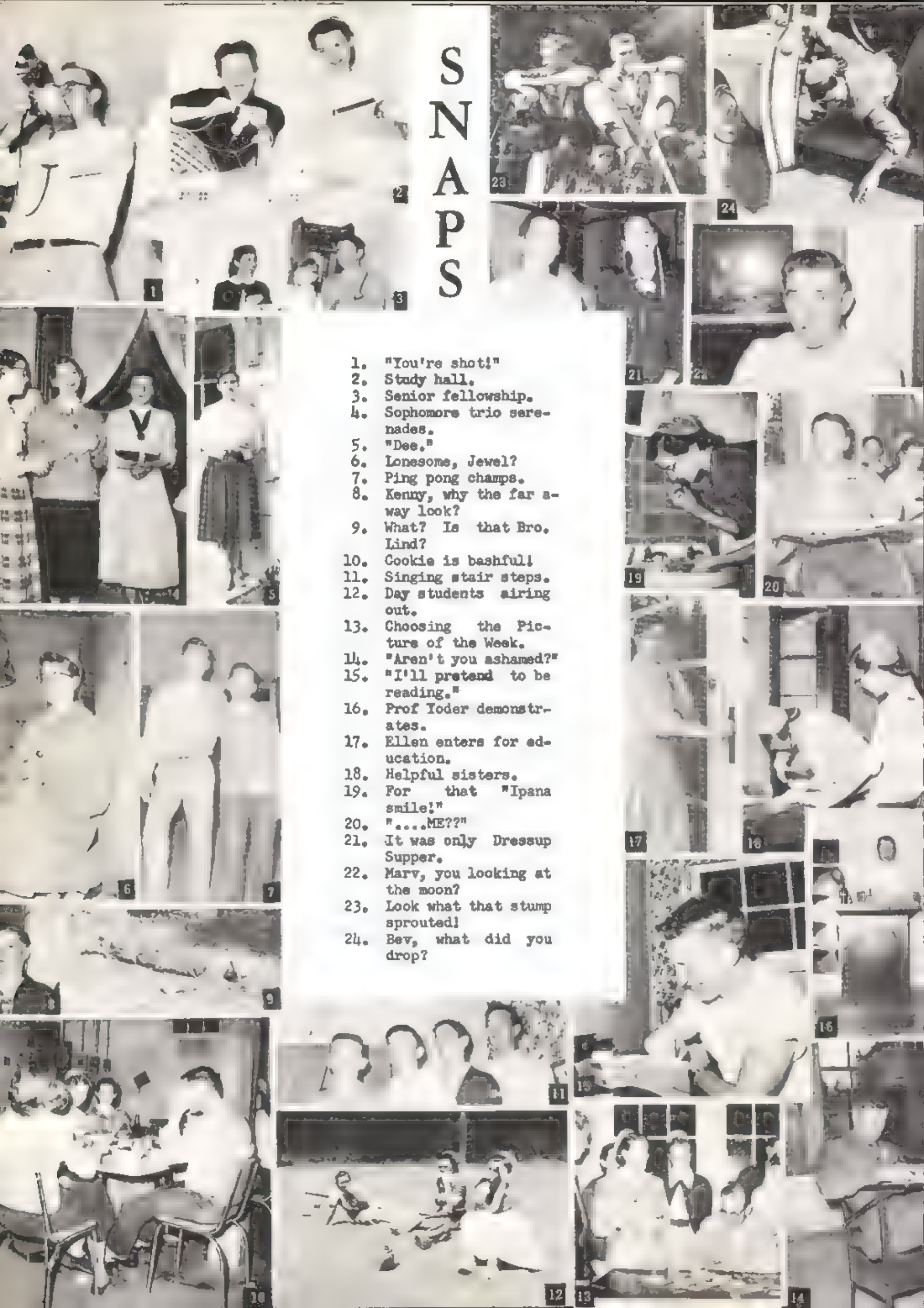


Our three cheerful cooks.



$\text{NaOH} + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

# S N A P S



1. "You're shot!"
2. Study hall.
3. Senior fellowship.
4. Sophomore trio serenades.
5. "Dee."
6. Lonesome, Jewel?
7. Ping pong champs.
8. Kenny, why the far away look?
9. What? Is that Bro. Lind?
10. Cookie is bashful!
11. Singing stair steps.
12. Day students airing out.
13. Choosing the Picture of the Week.
14. "Aren't you ashamed?"
15. "I'll pretend to be reading."
16. Prof Yoder demonstrates.
17. Ellen enters for education.
18. Helpful sisters.
19. For that "Ipana smile!"
20. "....ME??"
21. It was only Dressup Supper.
22. Marv, you looking at the moon?
23. Look what that stump sprouted!
24. Bev, what did you drop?



# W.S.A.



SEATED: Beverly Shank, Dolores Wideman, Treasurer; Loren Lind, President;  
 Shirley Steckley, Vice President; Raymond Kauffman, Executive  
 Vice President; Joanne Hershberger, Secretary.  
 STANDING: Joyce Kauffman, Elanor Reeder, Clarene Kropf, Elden Ropp, Connie  
 Martin, Harold Snyder, Robert West, Mark Headings, Gilbert Burkey.  
 Not pictured: Norma Kropf, David Roth.

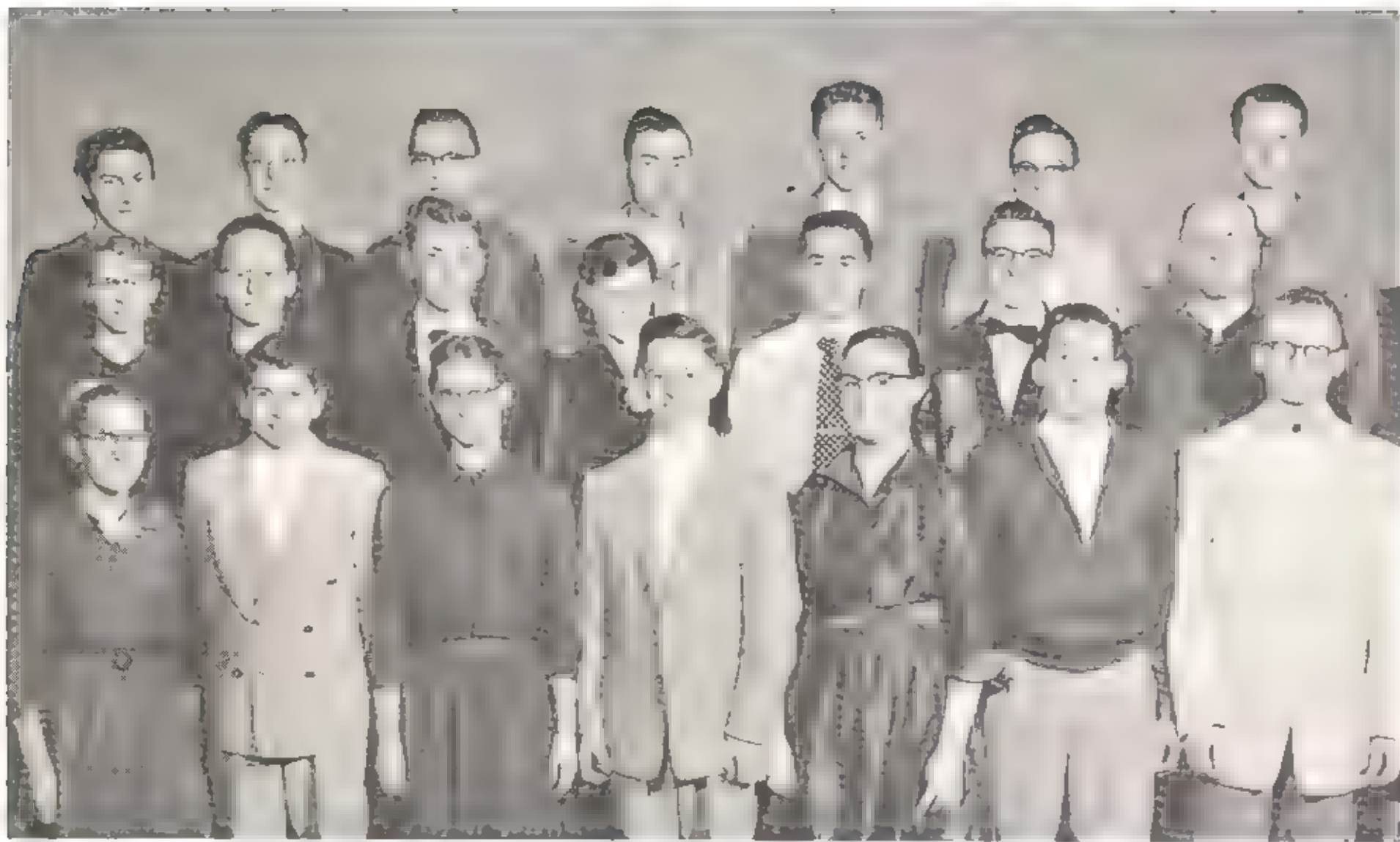
Many centuries ago, in the times of ancient history, a tiny cone no larger than your fist, fell to the ground and began to rot. From it sprung a small sappling which started its struggle for survival in the huge forest. Year by year it grew, progressing from a weak sappling to a strong tree. It developed its limbs and bark so it would have much room for growth in the years to come. Fire and wind lashed at it, but only tended to strengthen the mighty tree. Century by century it grew, every year adding another ring of strength to its circumference and another foot of growth to its stature, until it grew to be a tree of great renown. Far do men travel to behold the mighty Sequoia, which is greatest of all trees.

Our school is like the tree. Human sacrifice was put into its birth. Even now, as our school is young and growing, it is being perfected and molded to make a firm foundation for future growth. Though the fire of falsehood and the cold wind of indifference are at it thrust, it continues to grow, for God is with us. Our school is like a tree-- yet it is far greater; it has a tremendous outreach. The students go out to many communities leaving a testimony. God forbid that people should behold our school, merely for its academic merits. Be it far from our goal. Rather, let this school be a center from which students go the world over, witnessing for the Savior.

Our student organization has completed its second year of action. It has been a deciding factor in the outreach of our school. The projects which have been started, what ideas have been conceived, and the habits which we have formed as students determines the growth and the effect of our school in the future. We have added another annual ring of growth and strength to our school. Another foot of advancement is added to its stature. From where we leave off with our actions, we continue with our prayers. Where we leave off, others take up the task. May the student organization of this school in the years to come aid our school, not only in strengthening and building it up, but in furthering its outreach for God.



# FRESHMEN



FIRST ROW: Joyce Kauffman, Merle Bitikofer, Jewel Garber, Kenneth Lind, Corene Zimmerman, Laurence Baker, Richard Stauffer  
 SECOND ROW: Marilyn Hamilton, Idella Lais, Larry Harshbarger, Dorothy Gingerich, Veldon Kropf, Delvin Shultz, Marcus Lind, Sponsor  
 THIRD ROW: Eunice Schrock, Mary Ellen Bucher, Janet Byers, Weldo Byers, Gerald Emmert, Delbert Snyder, Perry Yoder, Not Pictured: Robert Heyerly

Our Freshman class has well begun its four year journey through High School. We have found real fellowship with one another, and many good friends in the Freshman class. All of us have learned to know the Lord better since we have been here.

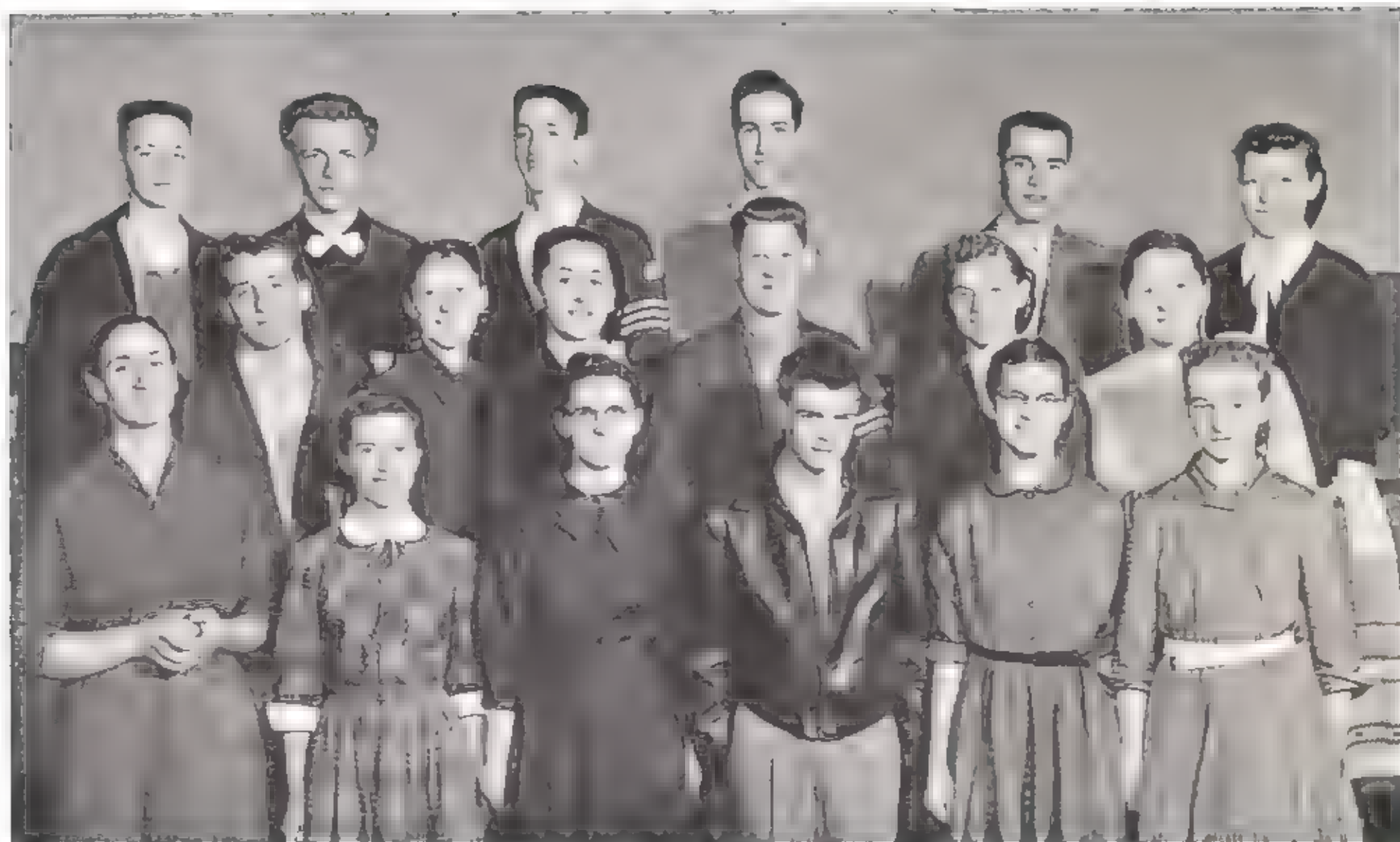
We elected our class officers at the first of the year. Our president is Delbert Snyder, vice-president is Perry Yoder, and secretary - treasurer is Eunice Schrock. We feel they each served their office as a real officer should. We also feel our sponsor, Brother Lind, did his part in helping us along in our Christian lives.

At the beginning of the year Carol Hostetler found it necessary to leave our class. Even though she was here only a short time, we learned to appreciate her contribution.

Our class is not the largest this year, but we are hoping it will grow and we are looking forward to having more wonderful times in the coming year.

Mary Ellen Bucher

# SOPHOMORES



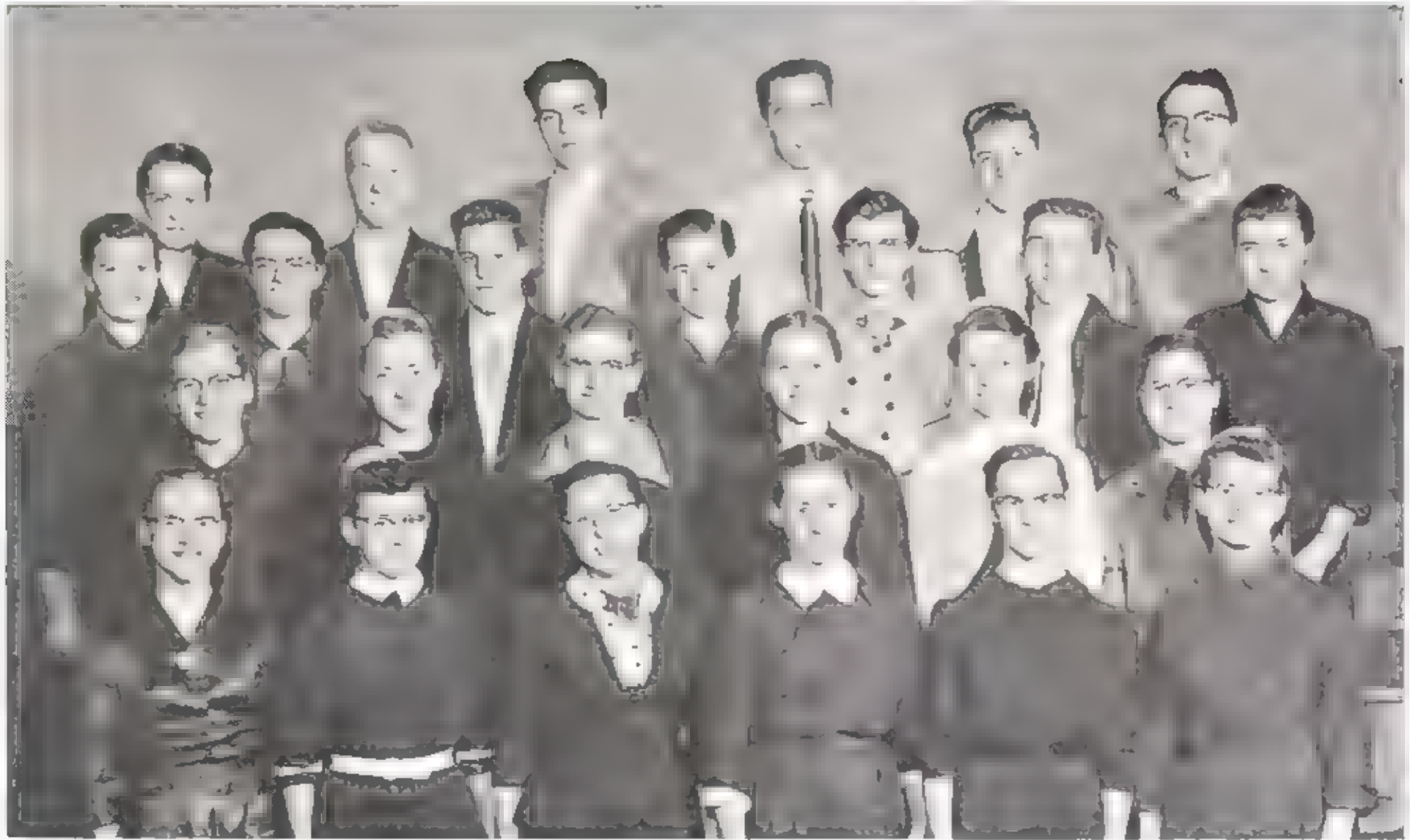
FIRST ROW: Mildred Eichelberger, Sponsor; Ruby Lind, Verdella Fahndrich, Donovan Roth, Darlene Widmer, Letha Ropp.  
 SECOND ROW: David Hostetler, Marilyn Steckley, Clarene Kropf, Warde Hershberger, Donna Driver, Susan Roth.  
 THIRD ROW: Ernest Yoder, Lester Steckley, Robert West, Henry Friesen, Merlin Schweitzer, Rosalie Kentta. Not pictured: Geraldine Shank

As we think back on some of the high points of the year we remember how stiff and sore we were from picking up walnuts. Our class didn't take honors for picking up the most but neither were we last. It was a privilege to get together as a class and pray for the school revivals. We well remember the time we were able to witness by handing out tracts in the city of Salem.

The 8 boys and 10 girls in our class are all Oregonians except two. Marilyn Steckley is from Carstairs, Alberta, Canada, and Clarene Kropf is from Sacramento, California. Our sponsor, Sister Mildred Eichelberger will soon be in Brazil. We each want to remember her in prayer as she enters the field of service to lost souls in Brazil.

Clarene Kropf

# JUNIORS



FIRST ROW: Dianne Wolfer, Caroline Jantzi, Esther Evers, Donna Kauffman,  
Doris Wolfer, Sherry Berkey.  
SECOND ROW: Rosalee Landis, Stella Birky, Faye Roth, Elanor Reeder, Genevieve  
Lind, Ellen Hostetler.  
THIRD ROW: Mary Lee Heyerly, Connie Martin, Sterling Burkey, Shirley  
Reist, Dolores Wideman, Stanley Mishler, Joyce Stauffer.  
FOURTH ROW: Virginia Hostetler, Leo Zook, Robert Yoder, Calvin Emmert,  
Mark Headings, Bernard Showalter, Sponsor. Not Pictured: Marvin  
Kauffman.

We, the Junior class are happy that we can serve the Lord in our work and studies at Western Mennonite School this year. We miss the boys from Louisiana this year but we still have some students from a distance. They are from Canada. It seems that the girls are in the majority this year but we boys can still hold our own against them. We are under good leadership this year with Brother Showalter as our sponsor. We are still the largest class in school but not by a very large margin.

We have the privilege of working together each month in publishing the Western Breezes, our school paper. We are looking forward to the time when we will be Seniors. We will remember the time we were invited to Brother Showalter's place for a little while to see the new addition to the family, Roger Lynn. We gave the Showalters a scenery picture as a gift from the class. During the Fall Revivals we as a class met in prayer for the revivals and also gave testimonies about our wonderful Lord. We also had a social last fall to which we could each invite a person outside the class. We had it in a supposedly haunted house which added greatly to the fun.

Our prayer is that as we study and shoulder responsibilities given us that we might do it for God's glory and praise. We hope that these things we learn now will prepare us for a lifetime in His service.

Marvin Kauffman



# SENIORS





# SENIORS

**Gilbert Burkey**  
Shedd, Oregon

Clarion Literary, 1,2,3,4  
Sportsman Club, 3,4  
Class Pres., 2,3  
Student Council, 4  
Touring Chorus, 4

"Gil," a good sport, owns a Chevy, short, sincere and happy Christian



**Rosemarie Flores**  
Aurora, Oregon

Lincoln High, 1  
North Marion, 2  
Clarion Literary, 3,4  
Photography Club, 3  
Art Club, 4  
Touring Chorus, 4

"Rosie," neat, has musical ability, contains a merry laugh, pet saying "dealy flop"



**Joanne Hershberger**  
Albany, Oregon

Arizona, 1  
King Creek Literary, 2,3,4  
Nature Club, 2  
Art Club, 3  
Girls Crafts, 4  
Class Secretary, 3  
Student Council, 3,4  
Touring Chorus, 3,4

Quiet disposition, musical ability, ladylike, sincere Christian





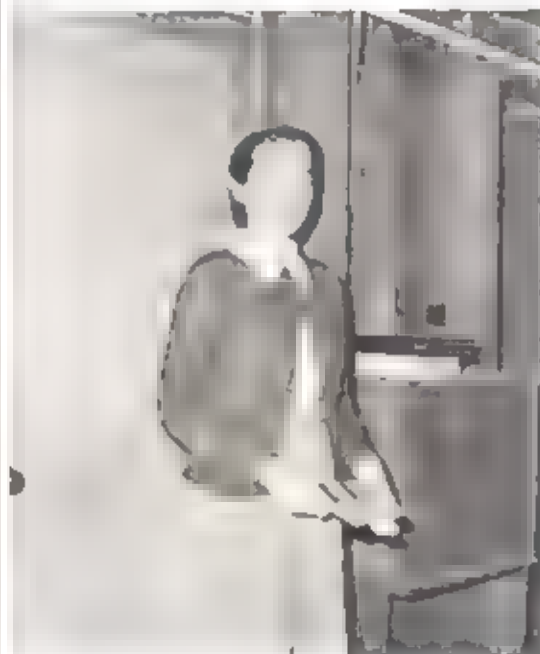
# SENIORS



**Raymond Kauffman**  
Bubbar, Oregon

King Creek Literary, 2,3,4  
Photography Club, 2  
Sportsman Club, 3  
Breezes Editor, 3  
Touring Chorus, 4

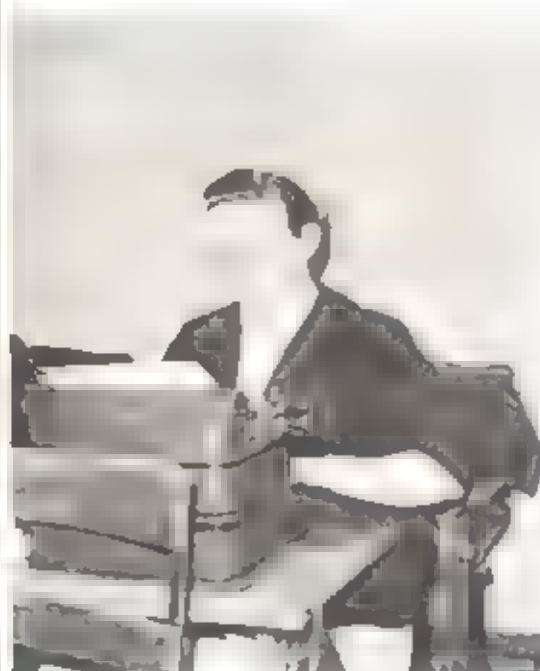
"Ray," ready testimony, enjoys reading, studious, conscientious



**Wanda Kester**  
McMinnville, Oregon

McMinnville High, 1,2  
Vesperian Literary, 3,4  
Touring Chorus, 4

Quiet, artistic, future V.S. worker, day student



**Norma Kropf**  
Rio Linda, California

Clarion Literary, 1,3,4  
Girls Shop, 3,4  
Touring Chorus, 3,4

"Pansy," Honor roll student, excels in Spanish, lots of fun

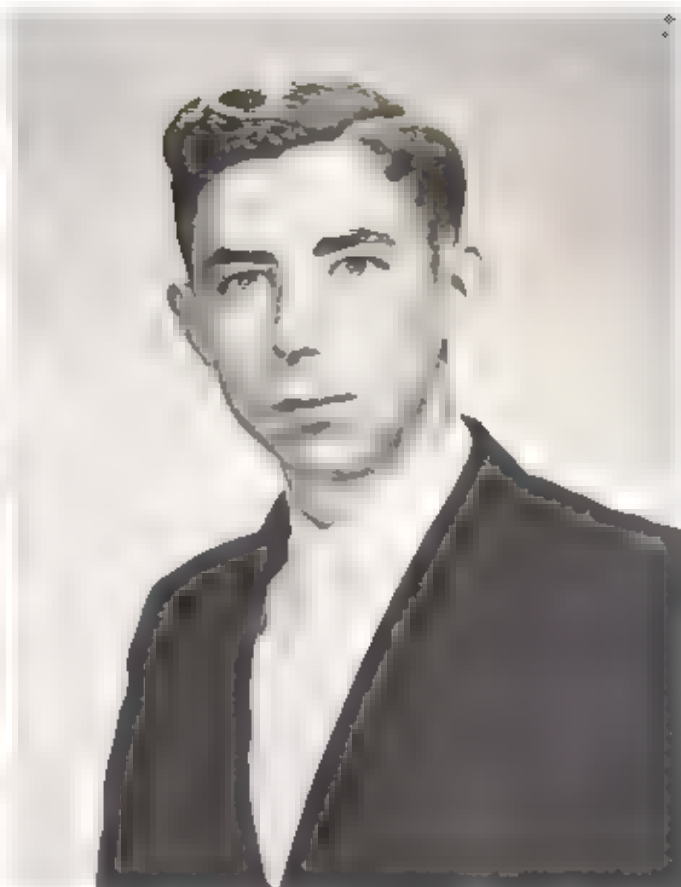
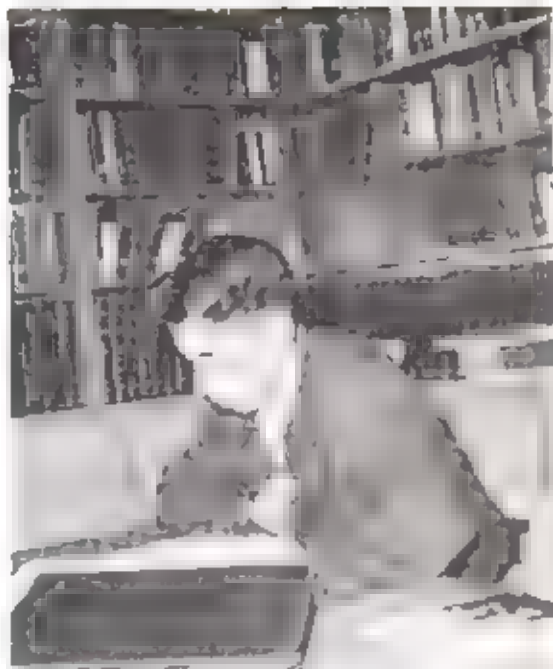
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Loren Lind

Salem, Oregon

Clarion Literary, 1,2  
 Vesperian Literary, 3,4  
 Faithful Fisherman, 2  
 Boys Crafts Club, 3  
 Archery Club, 4  
 Student Body President, 4  
 Touring Chorus, 4

Alert, well chosen words,  
 strong Christian character



Maynard Nofzinger

Canby, Oregon

Clarion Literary, 1,2  
 Vesperian Literary, 3,4  
 Crafts Club, 3,4  
 Sportsman Club, 3,4  
 Touring Chorus, 4

"Nof," why study? a hidden  
 sense of humor, enjoys ath-  
 letics

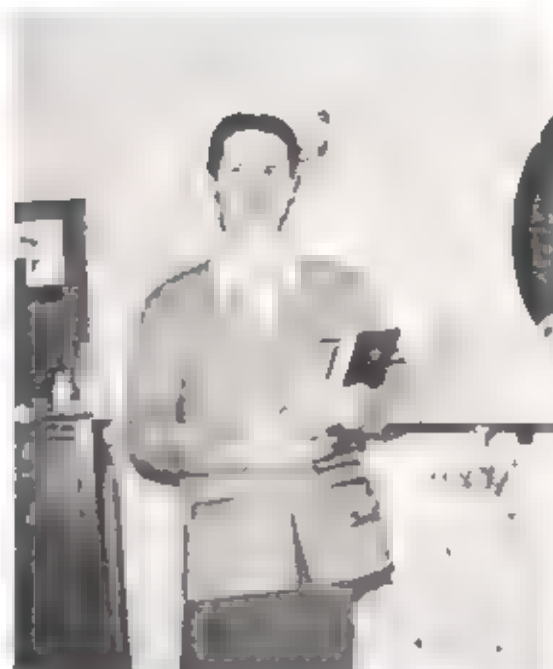


Carol Ratzloff

Del Paso Heights,  
 California

Livingston High, 1,2,3  
 Clarion Literary, 4  
 Girls Shop, 4  
 Touring Chorus, 4

"Carol," cheerful, slow to  
 speak, well liked, friendly



# SENIORS

Eldon Ropp  
Albany, Oregon

Albany High, 1,2  
Clarion Literary, 3,4  
Sportsman Club, 3,4  
Student Council, 4  
Annual Editor, 4  
Touring Chorus, 4

Quiet, softball pitcher, a nice tenor voice, he owns a Ford

David Roth  
Dayton, Oregon

King Creek Literary, 1,2,3,4  
Photography Club, 2,3,4  
Touring Chorus, 4

"Dave," quite a tease, enjoys a good time, co-operative, witty

Marilyn Roth  
Foster, Oregon

Sweet Home High, 1,2  
Clarion Literary, 4  
Archery Club, 4

Helpful, understanding, dependable, loyal friend, a ready testimony



# SENIORS

**Beverly Shenk**  
Willamina, Oregon

Clarion Literary, 1,2,3,4  
Photography Club, 2,3,4  
Student Council, 4

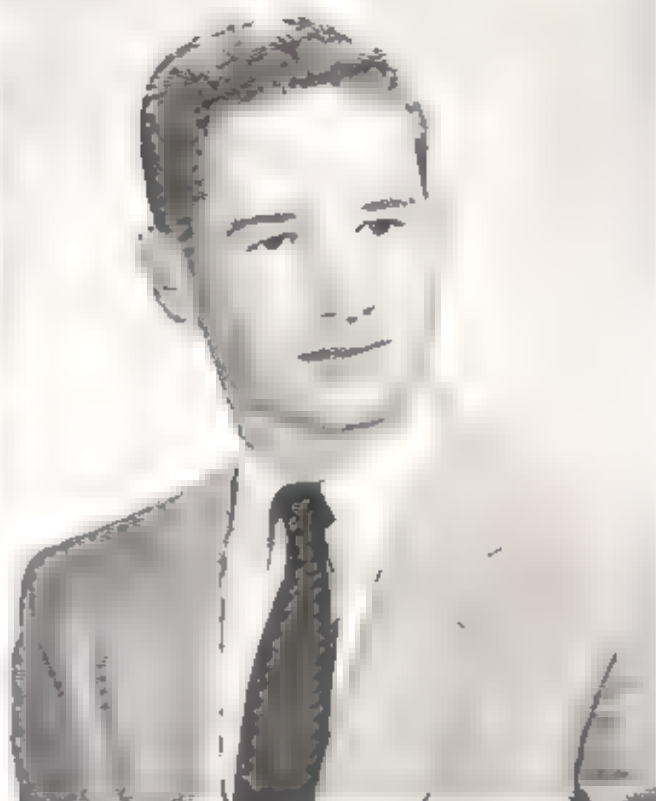
"Bev," very active, enjoys  
a good laugh, sports leader,  
mischievous



**Harold Snyder**  
Salem, Oregon

Glenn's Ferry High, Idaho 1,2  
Vesperian Literary, 3,4  
Sportsman Club, 3  
Photography Club, 4  
Student Council, 3,4

"Haroldy," friendly, easy to  
get along with, slow talker,  
sincere Christian



**Shirley Steckly**  
Carstairs, Alberta,  
Canada

Hesston, 2  
Vesperian Literary, 3,4  
Student Body Vice-Pres., 4  
Touring Chorus, 4

"Mama" Steck, studious, lots  
of fun, singing witness,  
dependable



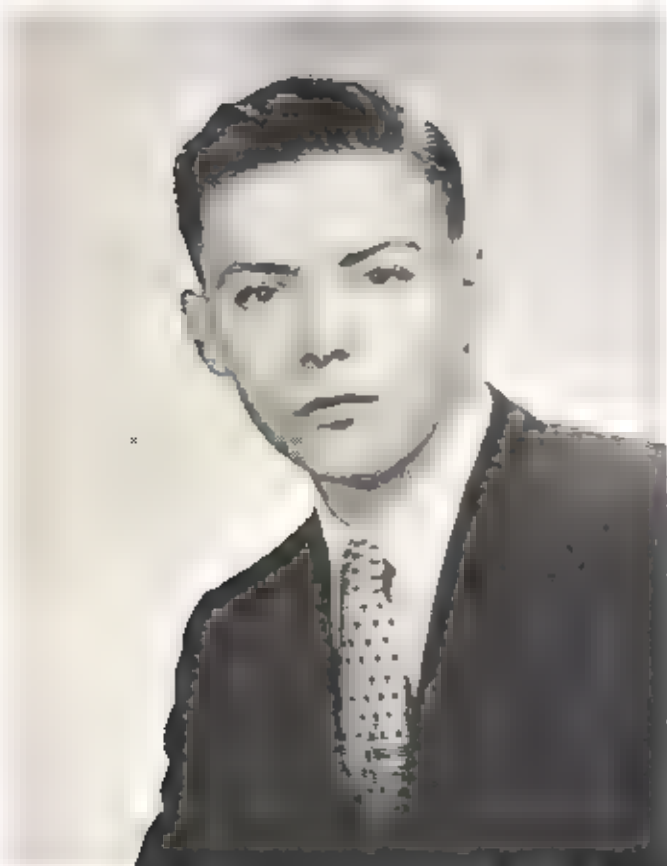
# SENIORS



Ada Mae Wagler  
Willamina, Oregon

Willamina High, 1,2  
Vesperian Literary, 3,4  
Girls Shop, 3  
Breezes Editor, 3  
Class Secretary, 4  
Touring Chorus, 4

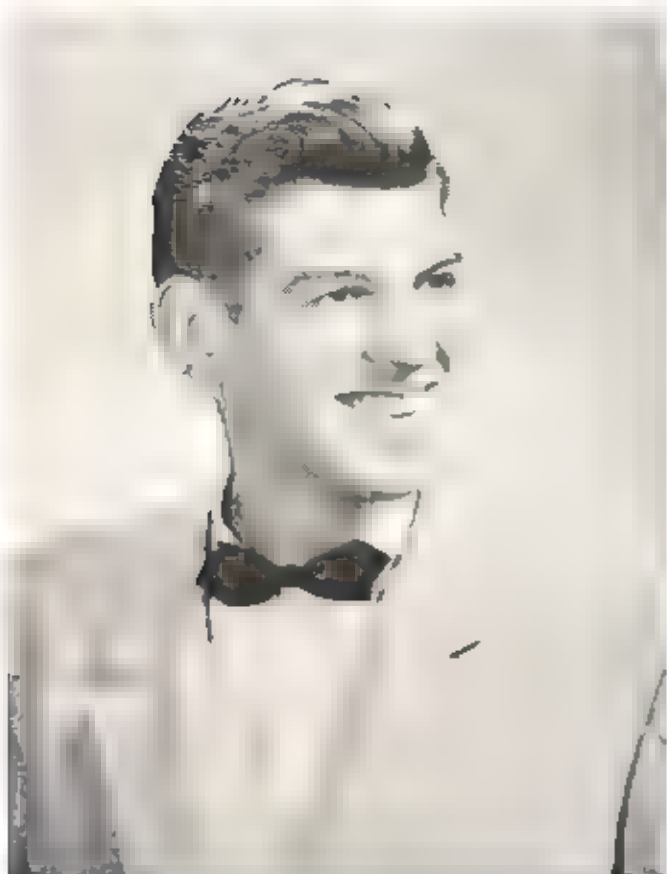
"Adama," vision of service,  
cheery smile, co-operative,  
intelligent



Ben Wisseman  
Fort Collins, Colorado

LaPorte, Colorado, 1,2,3  
Clarion Literary, 4  
Sportsman Club, 4  
Class President, 4

Allergic to studies, is well  
liked, characteristic walk,  
basketball player



Edward Wolfer  
Silverton, Oregon

Canby High, 1  
King Creek Literary, 2,3,4  
Sportsman Club, 3,4  
Touring Chorus, 3,4

"Chops," hobbies-eating and  
singing bass, down to earth  
in manner-up in the air in  
height, saying-"there goes  
a rod"

# SENIORS

Marlene Zimmerman  
Lebanon, Oregon

Milford High, Nebr., 1,2,3  
Vesperian Literary, 4  
Art Club, 4  
Touring Chorus, 4

"Muzzie," mischievous, enjoys cooking, smiles out loud, likes bright colors



First Row: Rosemarie Flores, Joanne Hershberger, Beverly Shenk, Norma Kropf, Marlene Zimmerman, Ben Wisseman  
Second Row: Gilbert Burkey, Carol Ratzloff, Wanda Kester, Ada Mae Wagler, Marilyn Roth, Shirley Steckly, Bob Jantzi  
Third Row: Raymond Kauffman, David Roth, Harold Snyder, Edward Wolfer, Maynard Nofziger, Eldon Ropp, Loren Lind



# COMMENCEMENT

## SUNRISE SONG

Slowly at last comes the dawning of day,  
Gloaming and midnight have now passed away;  
In the horizon, the once sinking sun  
Silently rises, and day is begun.

God in his majesty now we may see,  
In earth and sky, every flower and tree,  
In every dew drop we find manifest,  
He in His goodness the long night hath blessed.

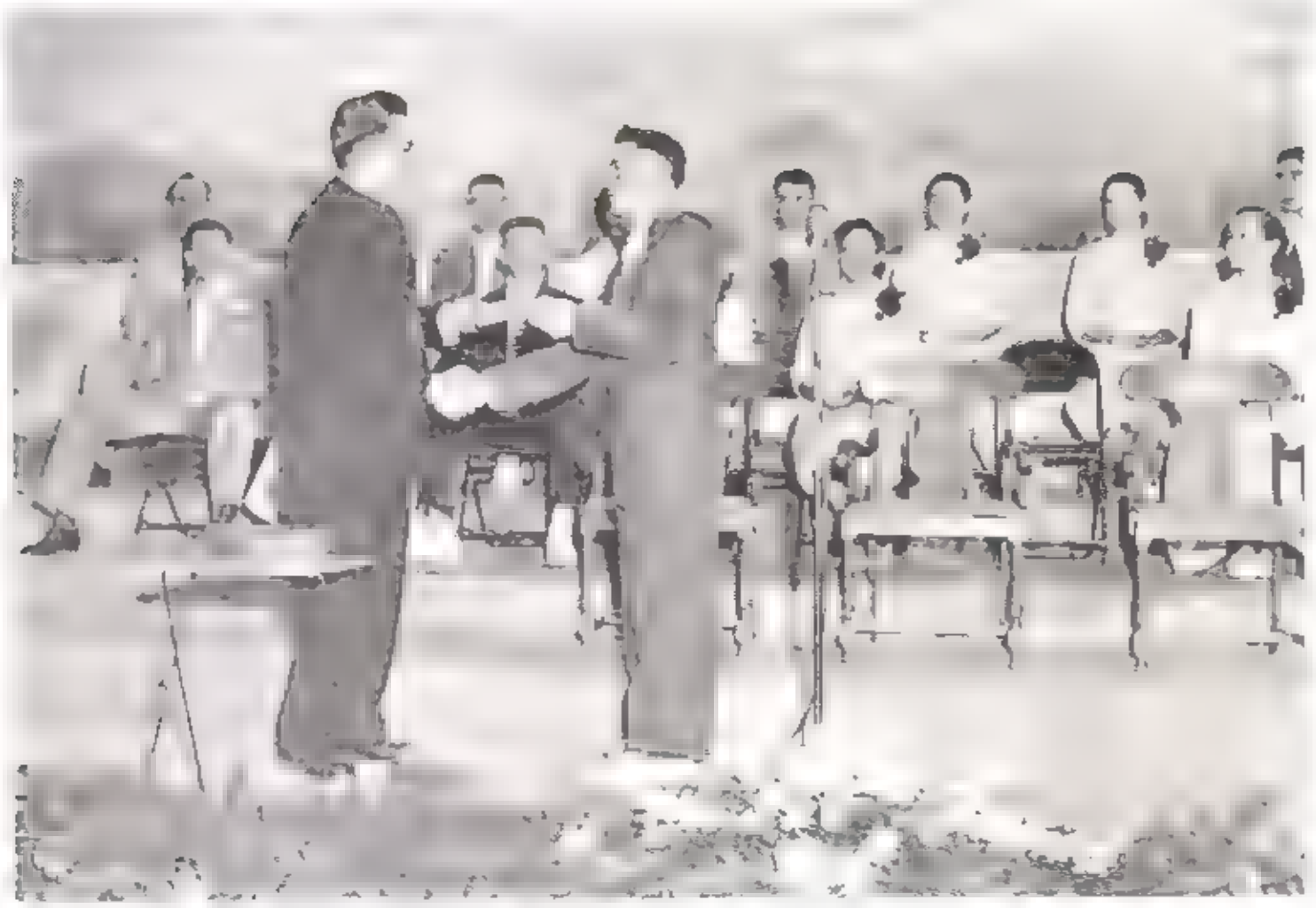
Sun of God's love in my heart now arise,  
Banish the gloom from life's beautiful skies,  
Reflect thy radiant rays so divine,  
Make all the earth in thy gladness to shine.

Awake my soul from thy long weary night;  
Look at the dawning with visions of light,  
Trust in the Lord, and by faith thou canst see  
Glorious sunshine through eternity.

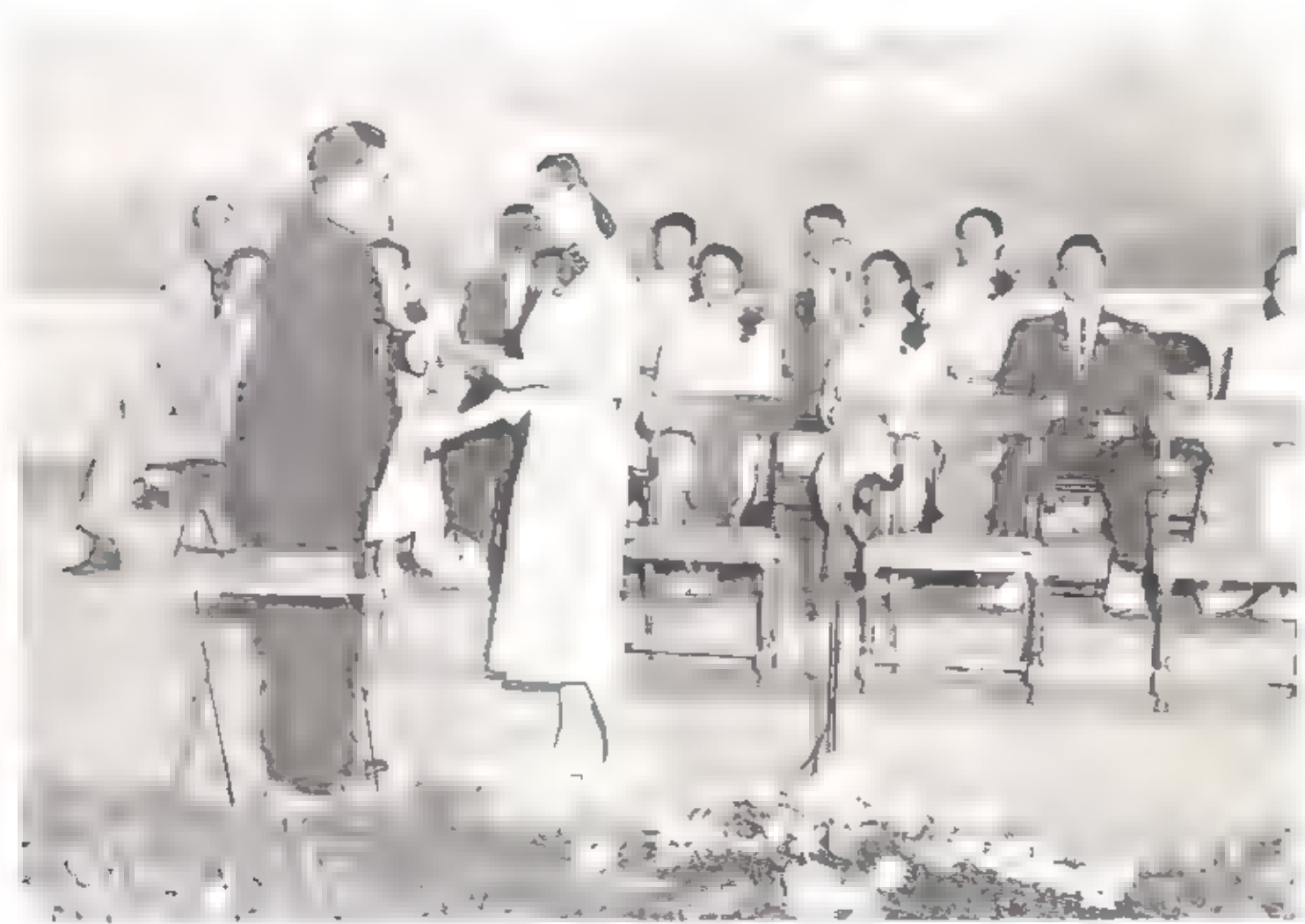


Class of '55

# COMMENCEMENT



Mr. President receives his diploma....



....and so does Miss Treasurer

# WHEN WE WERE



1. Deluxe table model--Rosie.
2. Flower girl--Marlene.
3. Ain't Maynard sweet?
4. Eddie and his bantams.
5. In distress--Carol.
6. When Dave was sober minded.
7. "Take me!"--Gil.
8. "Hold it tight, Eldon!"
9. "I'm going to be an R. N."--Ada Mae.
10. Holding up the fencepost, Marilyn?
11. Worried, Harold?



# VERY YOUNG



12



16



15



18



17



19



20

12. Big brother babysits--Wanda.
13. Don't fall off, Shirley!
14. Joanne and her family.
15. Studious Norma--third in second row.
16. What you doin, Bev?
17. Our class president--Ben.
18. Absent minded professor--Ray.
19. "The sun's in my eyes, but I'll pose anyhow!"--Gil.
20. Loren, looking into the future.

# CLASS WILL

We, the undersigned members of the Senior Class of Western Mennonite School of 1955, being of sound mind and body, and having considered the serious needs of various students, hereby resolve to bequeath, assign, surrender and declare this our last will and testament--in manner and form as follows:

## ARTICLE I

To the Faculty we leave pleasant memories of good grades and our cooperation in the classroom.

## ARTICLE II

To the Juniors we leave many happy privileges, especially "Sneak Day," and also the excitement and pleasure of graduation and commencement.

## ARTICLE III

To the Sophomores we leave the privilege of being upper-classmen and the opportunity of entertaining the Seniors.

## ARTICLE IV

To the Freshmen we leave the happy times along the road of hard work on the way to graduation.

## ARTICLE V

To the class having the greatest need of a good, efficient sponsor, we leave our highly respected Robert Jantzi.

## ARTICLE VI

I, Gilbert Burkey, will my nice "Cadillac" to Merle Bitikofer to use all through his school years and my athletic shoes to Connie Martin.

I, Rosemarie Flores, will my frightful shriek to Faye Roth and my first soprano voice to Virginia Hostetler.

I, Joanne Hershberger, will my position as W. S. A. Secretary to Elanor Reeder and my quiet ways to Dolores Wideman.

I, Raymond Kauffman, will my touring trip to Canada to Joyce Stauffer and my hard-worked grades to Merlin Schweitzer.

I, Wanda Kester, will my job to Shirley Reist and my reserved disposition to Lester Steckly.

I, Norma Kropf, will my grade card of "A's" to Esther Evers and my ability to play ping-pong to Ellen Hostetler.

I, Loren Lind, will my dignity to Laurence Baker and my genius for writing to David Hostetler.

I, Maynard Nofziger, will my worn out "Chevrolet" to Stanley Mishler and my pet cackle to anyone in dire need of a pet.

# CLASS WILL

- I, Carol Ratzloff, will my ability to spend money as Senior Treasurer to Sherry Berky and my giggle to Dianne Wolfer so she will have a spare.
- I, Eldon Ropp, will my quiet disposition to Ward Hershberger and my position as Editor of the Annual to Mark Headings.
- I, David Roth, will my ability to make the grade of four years at Western to Larry Harshbarger and my enjoyment of singing to Ernest Yoder.
- I, Marilyn Roth, will my chemistry grades to Carolin Jantzi and my privilege of taking pictures for the Annual to Donna Kauffman.
- I, Beverly Shenk, will my interest in Sweet Home personel to anyone who likes nice Fords and my lively chatter to Mary Lee Heyerly.
- I, Harold Snyder, will my pitch-pipe to Jenny Lind and my interest in the "Sunny Sacramento Valley" to Leo Zook.
- I, Shirley Steckly, will my position as W. S. A. Vice-President to Rosalee Landis and my patronage of "Goodrich" products to Calvin Emmert.
- I, Ada Mae Wagler, will my writing ability to Donnie Roth and wavy hair to Marvin Kauffman.
- I, Ben Wisseman, will my position as Senior Class President to Robert Yoder and my characteristic walk to Robert West.
- I, Edward Wolfer, will my low bass voice to Sterling Burkey and my dignified stature to Kenneth Lind, so he will be better able to see over the steering wheel.
- I, Marlene Zimmerman, will my mischief and black hair to Stella Birky and my bright colors to Doris Wolfer.





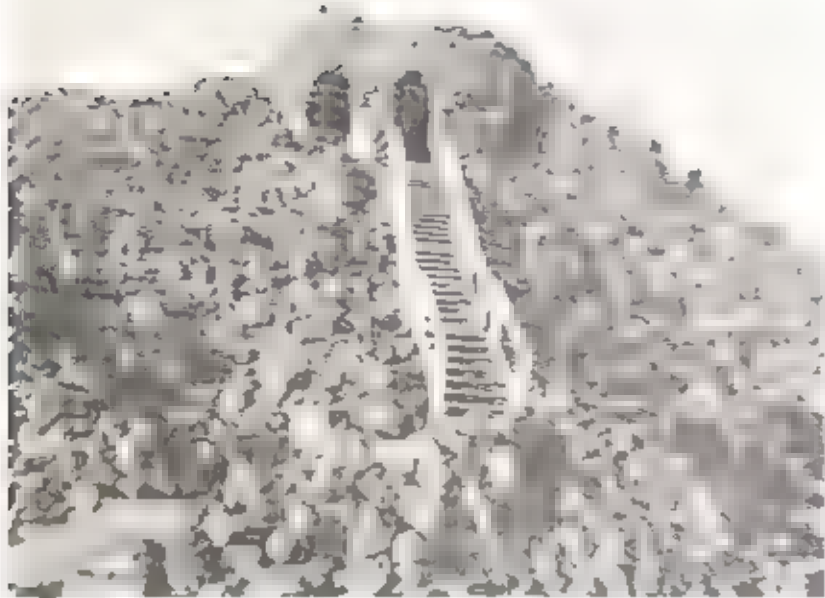
# SNEAKY SENIORS



At Boiler Bay...



What happened here?



Sisters Lookout...



Peterson's Rock Gardens...



Looking toward Suttle Lake...



Talking it over.

# ACTIVITIES







# CLUBS

## ART CLUB

Our main work in Art Club this year is drawing pastel scenes and making pencil sketches. There are three girls and two boys in our club, with Sis. Mildred as sponsor. We appreciate Sis. Mildred's readiness to lend a helping hand whenever we have trouble. We've had many enjoyable and instructive times together in our club.



## GIRLS WOODWORKING

This year 10 girls under the sponsorship of Timothy Struhbar were eager to learn different things about the use of saws, hammers, and woodworking equipment.

Some of the things that we worked on were name pins, bookends, flower boxes, yard figurines, and knifeholders. We found this type of work unique and interesting.

Although we may not have accomplished as much as we could have we had many pleasant evenings as we worked together.



## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

All of us who are Photography Club members look forward to each "club night." We really enjoy picking out the Picture of the Week and looking at slides which Bro. Jantzi, our sponsor, has to show us. Before the year is over we want to learn how to develop pictures. As soon as the roses are in bloom we will spend a day at the Rose Gardens taking pictures. The president is Bob West and secretary is Beverly Shenk.



# CLUBS



## GIRLS' CRAFTS

This year in Girls' Crafts we have done many interesting things. Some of the things we did were: making candles, woodfiber flowers, doll furniture, and aluminum trays which was a very worthwhile project. The things we learned to do in this club are things that will always be helpful in years to come. We enjoyed having Sister Swartzentruber as our sponsor.



## ARCHERY CLUB

Our name is the "Mohicans" and our aim is to hit the mark. We in this club have had many enjoyable evenings of target practice, under the leadership of Bro. Lind. On one occasion we showed the Sportsmen Club the technique of shooting a bow and arrow. Other activities consisted of a chicken hunt at Bro. Lind's place, and participation in the track meet. Although this is the first year we have had this club, we have all enjoyed it and hope it will continue.



## SPORTSMEN CLUB

This year the Sportsmen Club was very active. We enjoyed hearing different ones of the club relate their hunting experiences. We each took our turn at target practice.

One night during clubs we watched some performances by the Salem Saddle Club, and on another night we went to see a boat exhibit.

We, the Sportsmen Club have enjoyed many good times together.

# GOSPEL TEAMS



The Junior Girls Quartet Consisting of Doris and Dianne Wolfer, Eleanor Reeder, and Connie Martin were privileged to go on the tour to Idaho. Also a Senior testimony quartet: Marilyn Roth, Beverly Shenk, David Roth, and Gilbert Burkey went along to give their testimonies in word. Our faculty sponsors were Bro. Swartzentruber and Bro. Showalter. We gave five programs in the Idaho churches, two of which were mission stations. We learned to know each other better, but most of all, we were drawn nearer to our Lord and Master.

Connie Martin



On March 31, early in the morning, the station wagon rolled slowly out the lane with nine people and their baggage on board. The destination--Canada. The team included one student speaker, Ada Mae Wagler; the sponsor and speaker, Bro. Swartzentruber and his wife; and six students to do tohesinging. The purpose of the trip--to witness to the churches of Alberta, Canada and Montana. We were all very happy for the privelege of gping to Canada to witness to our friends in the North.

--One of the Team





# MIXED CHORUS



"Everyone begin on the upbeat please...there we are...all are singing."

We're a happy group. Chorus time is one of our most appreciated periods at M. M. S.

In music there is Harmony. This harmony idea can be carried over into life. We learn to live together, working as one group harmoniously ----- striving toward the same goal.

Then, too, in Chorus there is Unity of musical chords, unity of thought expressed, and unity in group participation. As we have learned to unite to sing so we have learned to unite in life! Then, too, unity is not only to be one, or to unite, but it also has the idea of completeness.

I feel that singing together will help us learn how to live together.

Clayton Swartzentruber

# SELECT CHORUS



The Select Chorus, 1955, consists of a 36 - voice chorus and the director, Clayton Swartzentruber. We began our practices earlier this year, than usual, but it has proved to be very profitable. We, as a chorus, have enjoyed practicing and learning new songs together. Our chorus intends to sing at most of the Mennonite churches in Oregon, and possibly at a few other places in Oregon. This year, we do not intend to leave the state as a touring chorus. This chorus represents a group of students of Western Mennonite School who love the Lord, and who want to be used in the Lord's service. We trust that we can further the cause of Christ in this way, and also that this will lead on to greater service for the Lord in years to come. I am sure that each one is grateful for having the privilege of witnessing in this way.

Mark Headings

# CLARION LITERARY



FIRST ROW: Caroline Jantzi, Esther Evers, Donna Kauffman, Rosemarie Flores, Jewel Garber, Beverly Shank, Dorothy Gingerich.  
 SECOND ROW: Rosalee Landis, Norma Kropf, Faye Roth, Carol Ratzloff, Rosalie Kentta, Connie Martin, Mary Lee Heyerly.  
 THIRD ROW: Joyce Stauffer, Marilyn Roth, Janet Byers, Ben Wisseman, Gilbert Burkey, Larry Harshbarger, Delvin Schultz, Robert Jantzi, Sponsor.  
 FOURTH ROW: Sterling Burkey, Richard Stauffer, Leo Zook, Delbert Snyder, Perry Yoder, Eldon Ropp, Calvin Emmert. Not pictured: Robert Heyerly.

We as a Clarion Literary can look back to the many good times we've had during the year as we worked, played, and fellowshiped together.

During the year we have had interesting programs. The program committee has provided both intellectual and humorous programs, both being enjoyed by all.

One evening about a week before Christmas we went to the city of Salem and handed out tracts. We were thankful for the opportunity to witness for our Lord. When we got back we had a short Christmas program, and some hot drink warming us up.

The motto of the Clarion Literary is "Steadily Advancing." This is the aim of each one of us now and when we are out of school, we will strive to keep on "Steadily Advancing."

Norma Kropf



# KING CREEK LITERARY



FIRST ROW: Joyce Kauffman, Dianne Wolfer, Doris Wolfer, Donovan Roth, Letha Ropp, Darlene Widmer, Donna Driver.  
 SECOND ROW: Joanne Hershberger, Elanor Reeder, Genevieve Lind, Warde Hershberger, Stanley Mishler, Merlin Schweitzer, Raymond Kauffman.  
 THIRD ROW: Welde Byers, Shirley Reist, Eunice Schrock, Mark Headings, Dolores Wideman, David Roth, Ernest Yoder.  
 FOURTH ROW: Lester Steckley, Robert West, Henry Friessen, Edward Wolfer, Robert Yoder, Gerald Emmert, Paul Yoder, Sponsor.

"Have I Done My Best," this is our Literary's motto. Our Literary song is "Our Best." I'm sure each member of the Literary is trying to do his best in serving our Master and in helping the Literary to be a good one. This year we have had enjoyable times as we have had in past years. The Program Committees have planned interesting programs. We had a Social at Christmas in which we exchanged gifts by using a grab bag. It was interesting to see what the members put in the grab bag. The King Creekers have each taken their part well in serving our Literary, but we hope this is only training in order to serve the Lord. We are happy to have a Literary in which we can serve the Lord while we have good times in a social way and learn to know each other. We appreciate this Christian Literary and the Christian influence. King Creekers let us abide by our song and motto to do "Our Best."

Elanor Reeder

# VESPERIAN LITERARY



FIRST ROW: Ruby Lind, Sherry Berkey, Ellen Hostetler, Merle Bitikofer, Verdella Fahndrich, Marilyn Hamilton.  
 SECOND ROW: Marilyn Steckley, David Hostetler, Laurence Baker, Stella Birky, Kenneth Lind, Marlene Zimmerman.  
 THIRD ROW: Veldon Kropf, Corene Zimmerman, Susan Roth, Clarene Kropf, Idella Laie, Wanda Kester, Timothy Struhbar, Sponsor.  
 FOURTH ROW: Ada Mae Wagler, Virginia Hostetler, Shirley Steckley, Mary Ellen Bucher, Maynard Nofziger, Leren Lind, Harold Snyder.  
 Not pictured: Marvin Kauffman, Geraldine Shank.

In our literary this year, we have had many enjoyable times. Our program committee has done a very good job in arranging for interesting programs. We have very much appreciated the constructive criticism and helpfulness of our sponsor, Brother Struhbar. In his inaugural address, our president, Maynard Nofziger, likened the literary to a train with the president as the engine and the rest of the members as the other cars. He brought out the fact that we must all pull together to have a really good literary.

A debate against the King Creek Literary, which was enjoyed by everyone except those who debated, was one of the things we did. We also played basketball and volleyball games against the other two literaries.

Our socials and programs have helped each of us spiritually as well as socially. We, as the Vesperians of Western, are looking forward to many more good times in the future. Our motto is, "Be thy real self, speak thy true thought, and strive for that which enableeth." So if you ever come to Western, be sure to visit, or better yet, join, the Vesperian Literary.

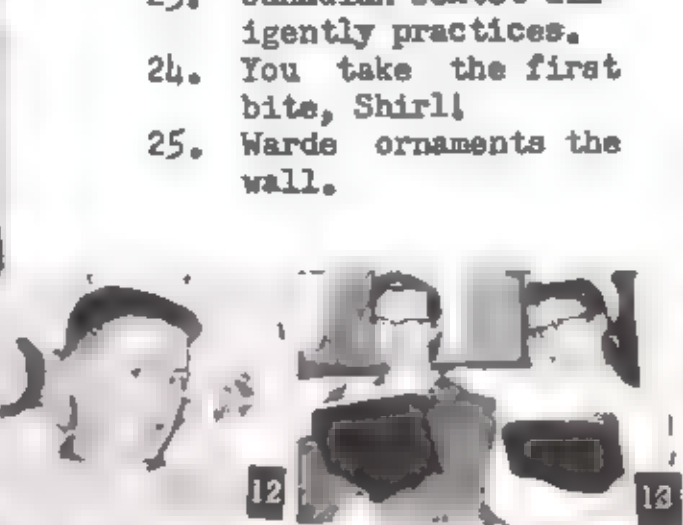
Susan Roth



# S N A P S



1. One of the Canadian sisters.
2. Stephen studies.
3. Pals.
4. "Holding the building up, Hov?"
5. Genuine homemade bread.
6. "Do sol...."
7. "Get it!"
8. Bored, Rosie?
9. "Thanks!"
10. "You think so, eh?"
11. Weekenders playing games.
12. "I just don't know about that."
13. In the main hall of the main building.
14. Buddies.
15. Howdy!
16. "And...."
17. Bro. John Gingerich.
18. Milk and milk products.
19. "Let's get it over with."
20. Now what have you done?
21. Thrilled, Marilyn?
22. Margie, short termor from Idaho.
23. Canadian sextet diligently practices.
24. You take the first bite, Shirli!
25. Warde ornaments the wall.





# TRACK MEET



"On your mark...."



"Get set....."



- Flying high.



Run, Bro. Lind!



Up and over.



Cal throws the shot put.



Talking it over.

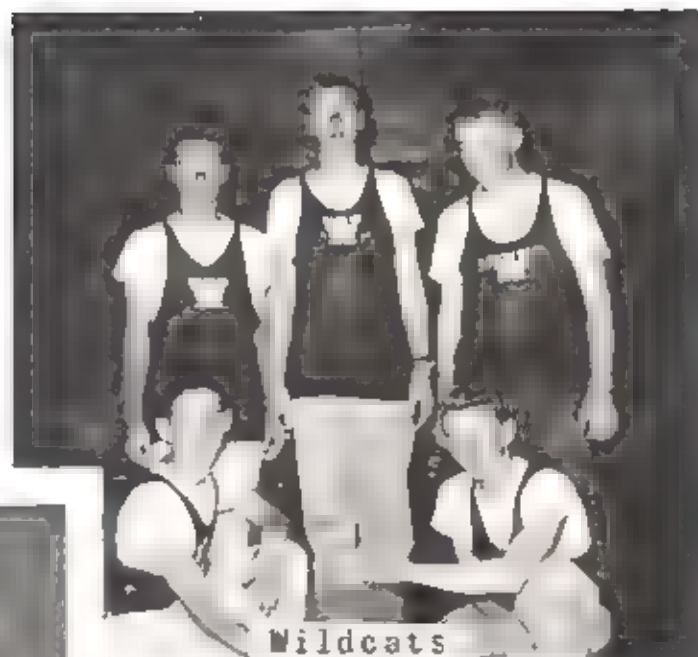


Keeping scores

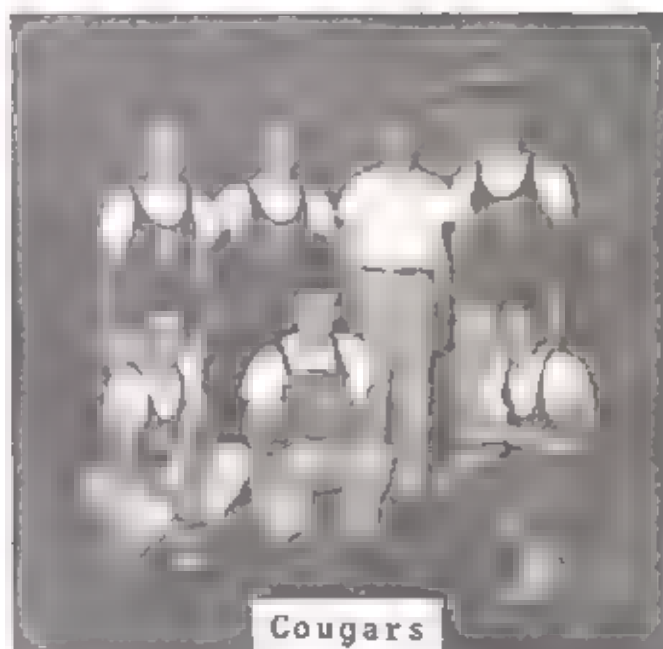
# SPORTS



Panthers



Wildcats



Cougars



Eldon at the bat.



Aaron--first baseman.



Dads vs. Sons game spectators



"A" team



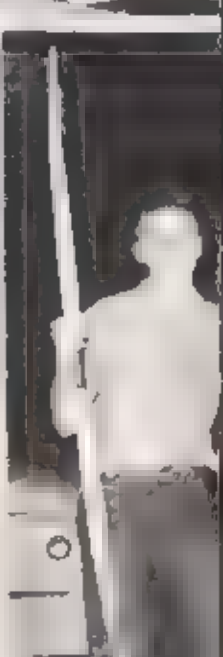
"B" team



# S N A P S



1. Knit one, purl one..
2. Big mouth!!
3. Like my new glasses?
4. James Smucker.....a short turner.
5. Happy, Gil?
6. "Time to do dishes."
7. Where's my sheets?
8. Nof, playing ping pong.
9. Our matron.
10. Annual editor.
11. I don't want my picture taken!
12. Longfellow.
13. Harold contemplating.
14. Thanksgiving dinner.
15. Senior class president.
16. Caroline drying her tears.
17. "Hello?....Mom?"
18. It's the boys turn.
19. This Oregon rain!
20. Marv concentrating.
21. Beverly crams.
22. Pretty birdie....
23. Wrestling....





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